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Extension of Duty-free Bulk Imports of Tropical Oils 2008

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Report Highlights:

GOR Resolution #439 of June 6, 2008, extends the duty-free bulk imports of palm, coconut (copra), and palm kernel oils and their fractions for another 9 months starting June 12, 2008

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Summary

Russian Government Resolution #439 of June 6, 2008, extends the temporary duty-free bulk imports of palm, coconut (copra), and palm kernel oils and their fractions for 9 months starting June 12, 2008. In accordance with Resolution of the Russian Government #435 of July 12, 2007, the duty-free regime for the bulk shipments of tropical oils started on September 12, 2008 and lasted through June 12, 2008¹. The extension was expected by the Russian vegetable oil processors because domestic supply of vegetable oils was not able to meet the processors' demand for these oils, and prices for vegetable oils are increasing. Shortly after the introduction of the duty-free regime, imports of tropical oils began to grow, and in October – April 2008 Russia imported 446,380 metric tons of palm oil, 44 percent more than during the same period the previous year. Data on imports of coconut and palm kernel oils for 2008 are not available, but in October – December 2008 imports of these oils increased by 28 percent from the same period the previous year. The duty on palm oil in packages smaller than net-weight 200 kg remains 15 percent of customs value, but not less than 0.12 euro per kg, and import duties on coconut and palm kernel oils in packages smaller than net-weight 200 kg remain 5 percent of customs value.

Text of the Resolution #439 of June 6, 2008

Below is an unofficial translation of the Resolution.

Begin text:

Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation #439 of June 6, 2008 "On Extension of Import Custom Tariffs on Certain Types of Tropical Oils"

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees the following:

1. To extend for 9 months import custom tariffs approved by the Russian Government Resolution # 435 of July 9, 2007 for certain tropical oils.
2. The present Resolution comes to force on June 12, 2008.

Chairman of the Government
of the Russian Federation

V. Putin

End text.

In accordance with the GOR Resolutions #439 of June 6, 2008, and GOR Resolution #435 of July 9, 2007 the following tropical oils are imported duty-free:

TN VED Code of Russia *	Name of Position
Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified	
1511 10 100 0	- - for technical and industrial processing, except for production of product, used in food consumption
1511 10 900 9	- - - other
1511 90 190 9	- - - - other
1511 90 910 0	- - - for technical and industrial processing, except for production of product, used in food consumption
1511 11 990 9	- - - - other
Coconut (copra, palm kernel or babassu oils, and fractions thereof, whether or not	

¹ GAIN RS7056 Trade Policy Monitoring / Import Duties on Tropical Oils

refined, but not chemically modified	
1513 11 100 0	- - - for technical and industrial processing, except for production of product, used in food consumption
1513 11 990 9	- - - - - other
1513 19 190 9	- - - - - other
1513 19 990 0	- - - - - other
1513 21 100 0	- - - for technical and industrial processing, except for production of product, used in food consumption
1514 21 900 9	- - - - - other
1513 29 300 0	- - - - for technical and industrial processing, except for production of product, used in food consumption
1513 29 900 9	- - - - - other
* TN VED Codes are close but not equal to the U.S. Customs' harmonized Code Numbers	

Relevant Reports

RS8042 Oilseeds and products / Extension of Low Import Tariffs on Soybean, rapeseeds, Sunflowerseed Oils

RS8038 Oilseeds and Products / Oilseeds Annual report

RS7056 Trade Policy Monitoring / Import Duties on Tropical Oils
<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200708/146292001.pdf>